



# Duty Counsel Lawyers Admitted

After August 10, 2022

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**I am an existing roster member providing Duty Counsel Services who joined After August 10, 2022.**



I was admitted with a Conditional Status (I did not meet the minimum experience requirements at admission).

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I was admitted without a Conditional Status (I met the minimum experience requirements at admission).

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**You will not be asked to file a lawyer self-report in 2023 (for the 2022 reporting year).  
You must begin filing your annual self-report in 2024 (for the 2023 reporting year all duty counsel  
authorizations are subject to a two-year time limit.  
You must request renewal of your duty counsel authorization before the two-year anniversary.  
The anniversary date is two years from the date of your admission**

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**How does duty counsel renewal work?**

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**Approximately 90 days prior to your renewal deadline, you will be prompted via the Legal Aid Online Portal to request renewal of your duty counsel authorization.  
Decisions on the renewal of duty counsel authorization are at LAO's sole discretion.**

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I request renewal, but my duty counsel authorization is not renewed.

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I request renewal, and my duty counsel authorization is renewed.

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**No further action is needed.**





**If a duty counsel authorization is not renewed, the roster member can no longer provide duty counsel services. A roster member can apply for a new duty counsel authorization 12 months after a negative renewal decision.**

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**You have 24 months from the date of your admission to meet the minimum experience requirements.  
You are not required to file a lawyer self-report in 2023 (for the 2022 reporting year).  
You must begin filing your annual self-report in 2024 (for the 2023 reporting year).  
All duty counsel authorizations are subject to a two-year time limit.  
You must request renewal of your duty counsel authorization before the two-year anniversary.  
The anniversary date is two years from the date of your admission.**



I meet the minimum experience requirements within two years.

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I don't meet the minimum experience requirements within two years.

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Roster members can notify LAO that they meet the minimum experience requirements via the annual self-report or by writing to [roster@lao.on.ca](mailto:roster@lao.on.ca)

How does duty counsel renewal work?





**Unfortunately, in accordance with the recommendations of the Auditor General and the Legal Aid Services Act, 2020, roster members providing duty counsel services cannot hold a conditional status for more than 24 months.**

**Roster members who do not meet the minimum experience requirements at the end of their conditional membership will have their membership on that area of law revoked.**

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*Where a roster membership is revoked for not meeting the minimum experience requirements during the conditional period, it is possible to re-apply for authorization once the roster member demonstrates to LAO that they have met the minimum experience requirements.*

